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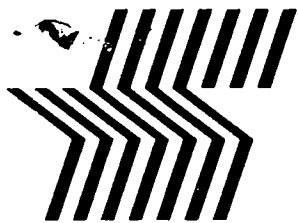
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FEDERATION OF
STATE HUMANITIES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of State Humanities Councils has taken the position that to meet the current demands and needs of the humanities throughout this country it is necessary that the National Endowment for the Humanities' State program receive a level of \$30 million for Fiscal Year 1990, an increase of \$5 million over Fiscal Year 1989.

Federation Board member and Executive Director of the Minnesota Humanities Commission Cheryl Dickson told the House Appropriation Subcommittee, "I want you to invest tax monies where they will be effective. And I know that funds for the state humanities councils are as good an investment as you can make -- because of the careful way in which funds will be spent, because of the matching funds that will be generated, and because of the products that will result."

Filmmaker and a grantee of state humanities councils Gary Moss told the Subcommittee that "state humanities money is special money, with special properties other money doesn't have. It carries with it a de facto endorsement of the project by influential local scholars and community leaders. So doors open and people listen when you ask for assistance." Moss further stated:

Humanities don't belong "out there," but rather "in here." Humanities' insights have no potency unless they are part of the active thought process of ordinary human beings. Faith in the enlightened judgement of the average citizen is one of America's greatest contributions to political science, and by it we as a nation will prosper or fail. The state humanities program embodies that faith and invigorates the wellsprings of our democratic process.

In a statement this year before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, Charles Daugherty, Executive Director of the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, spoke about the education made possible by state humanities councils. Referring to The Humanities and the American Promise, he said a sentence he read "reminded me of the many times I had been with people from all walks of life whose thinking, questioning, profound insight and scholarship strengthened my faith in a basic premise of our democracy, self government, which must be based on an enlightened citizenry." He added that "learning is a lifelong endeavor, that we all are partners in our education, and that knowledge flows in, as well as out of, the academy. The role of the state humanities councils is to support and encourage this lifelong education in the humanities."

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

History of Appropriations
(in millions)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>
1966	\$ 5.864
1967	5.510
1968	4.600
1969	6.400
1970	8.855
1971	14.890
1972	29.730
1973	40.657
1974	54.250
1975	79.142
1976	84.955
Transitional Quarter	22.614
1977	99.372
1978	121.000
1979	145.231
1980	150.100
1981	151.299
1982	130.560
1983	130.247
1984	140.118
1985	139.478
1986	132.679*
1987	138.890
1988	140.435
1989	153.000

*Reflects Gramm-Rudman-Hollings sequestration.

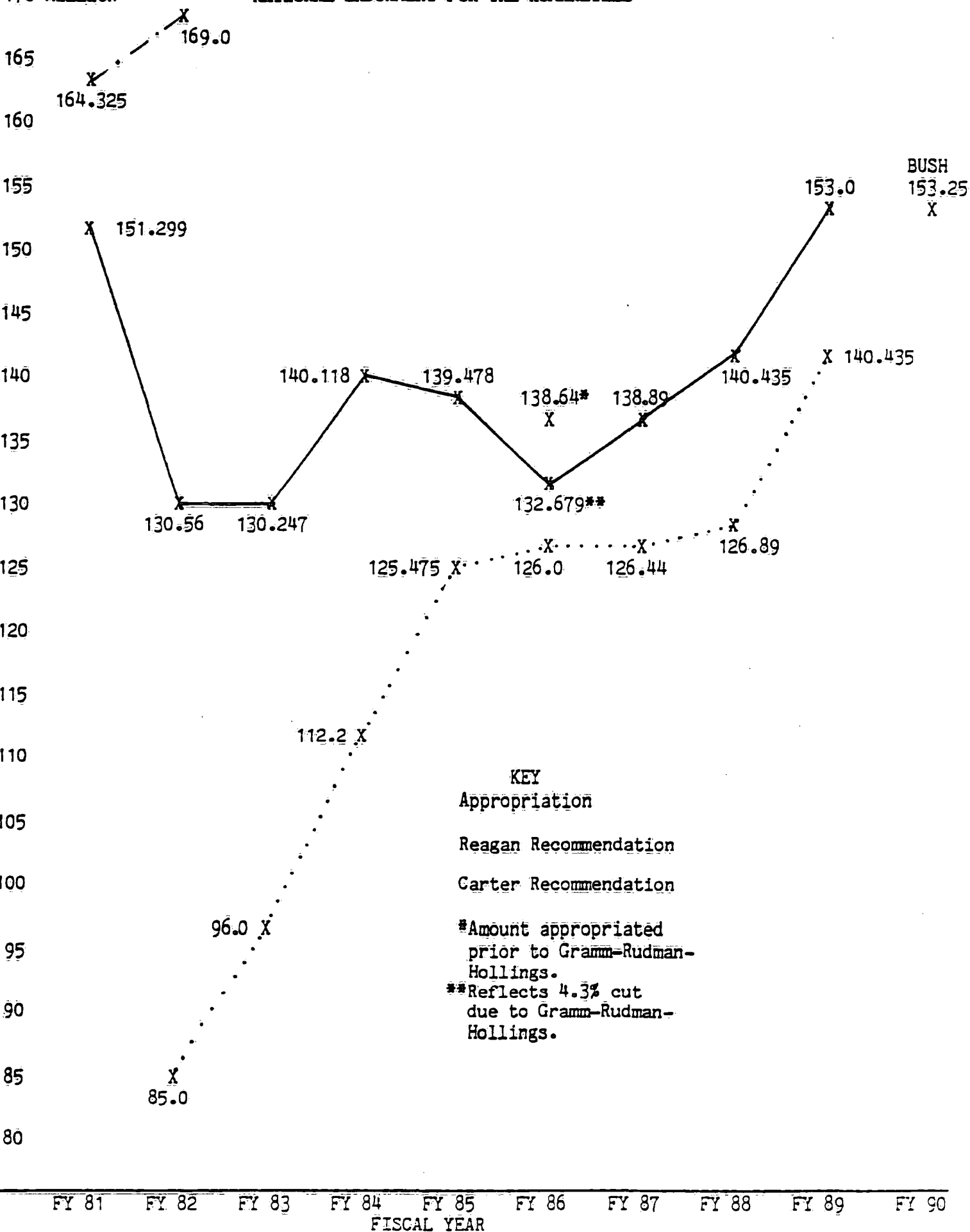
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES STATE PROGRAM

History of Funding
(in millions)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Obligated Funds</u>
1966	---
1967	---
1968	---
1969	---
1970	\$ 0.356
1971	0.587
1972	2.217
1973	5.160
1974	7.569
1975	13.529
1976	8.092
Transitional	
Quarter	7.952
1977	18.918
1978	17.689
1979	20.709
1980	21.330
1981	23.137
1982	20.261
1983	20.327
1984	20.726
1985	19.560
1986	20.035
1987	20.558
1988	21.300
1989	25.000

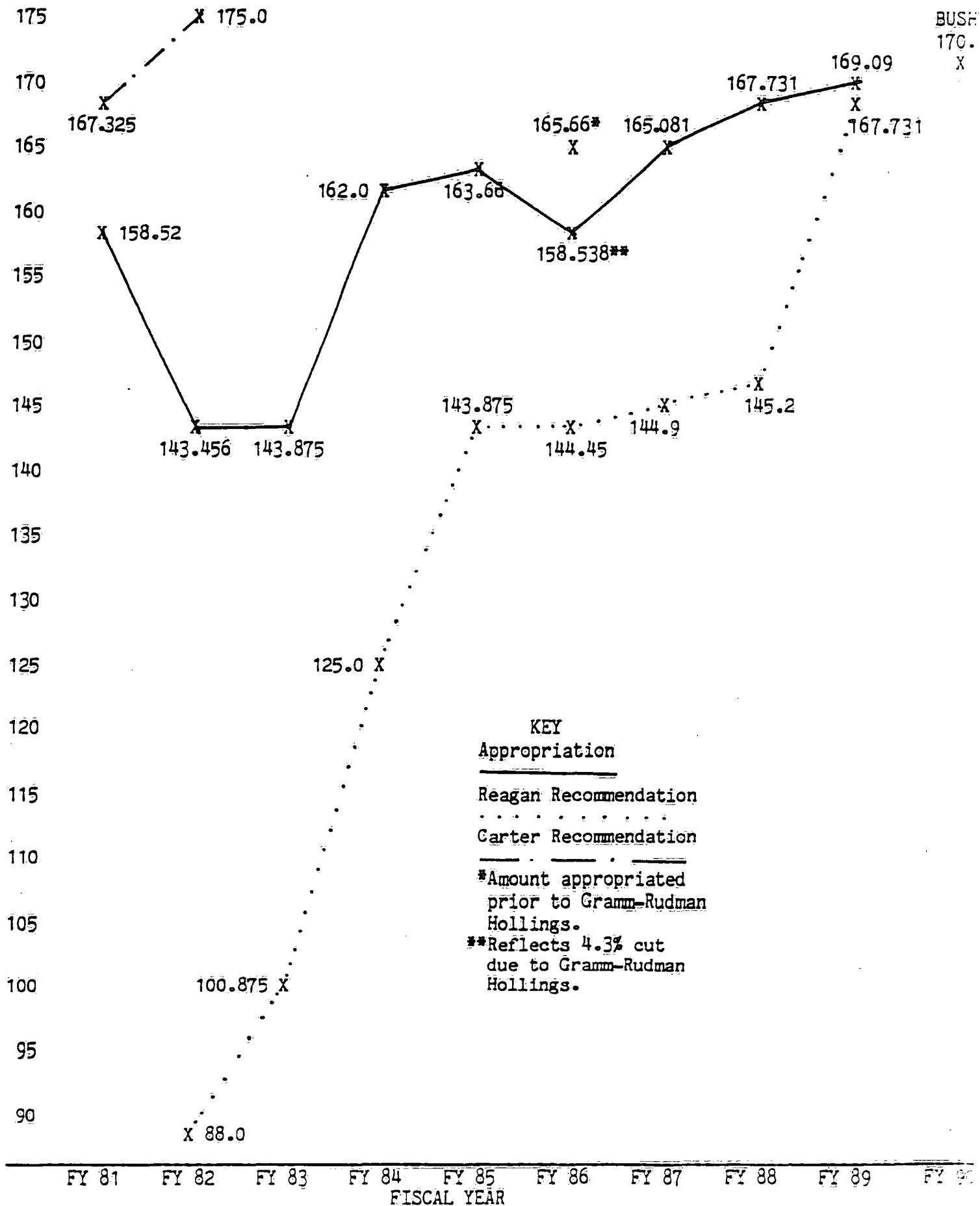
170 MILLION

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES



180 MILLION

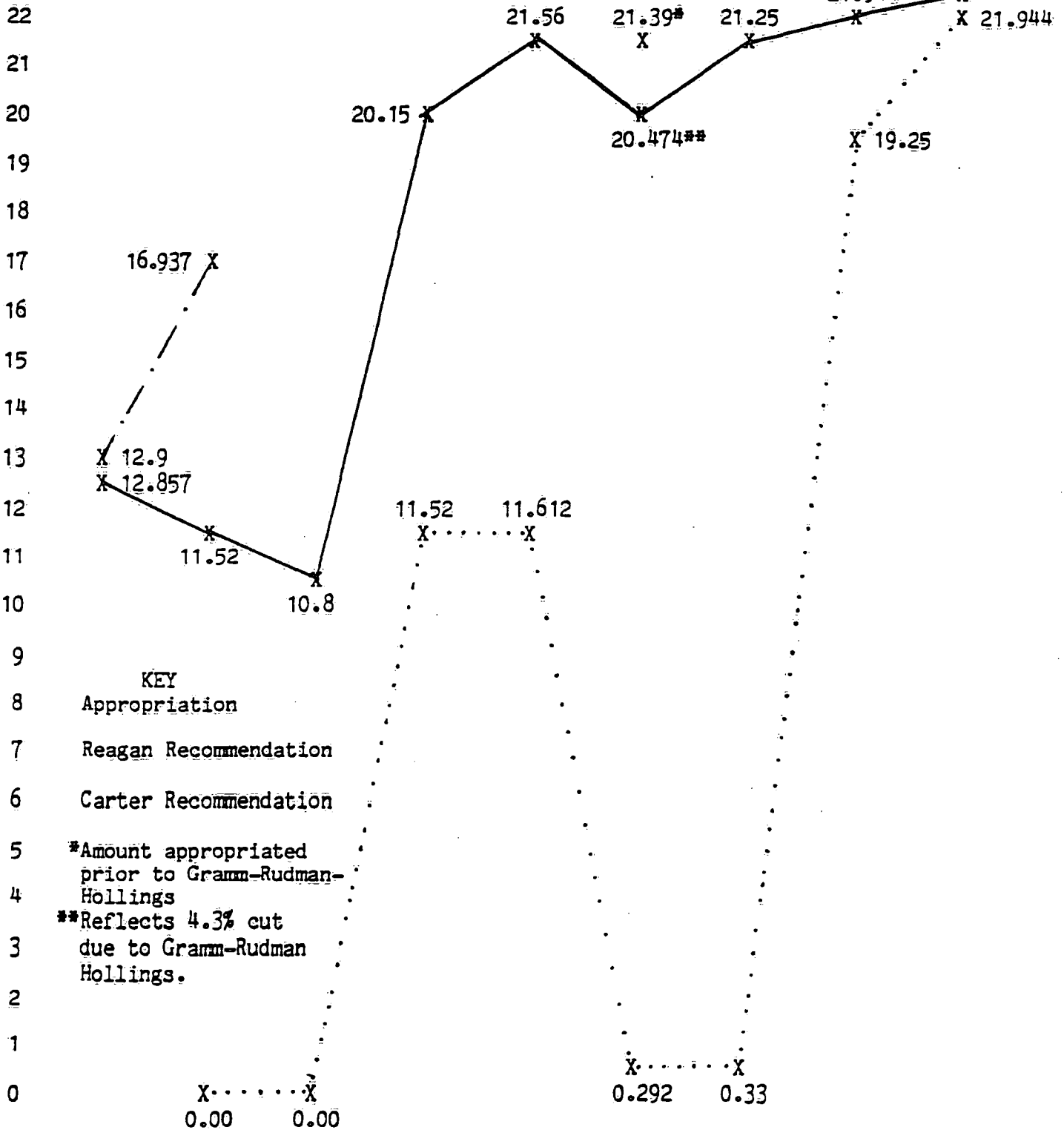
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES

23 MILLION

BUSH
22.35
X



KEY

Appropriation

Reagan Recommendation

Carter Recommendation

*Amount appropriated prior to Gramm-Rudman-Hollings

**Reflects 4.3% cut due to Gramm-Rudman Hollings.

FY 81 FY 82 FY 83 FY 84 FY 85 FY 86 FY 87 FY 88 FY 89 FY 90
FISCAL YEAR